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SECTIONS 11-B AND 11-C DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY EXTENSION

Juneau. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that due to a strong movement of sockeye salmon through the Speel Lake weir the drift gillnet fishery in Section 11-B, Port Snettisham and the Speel Arm SHA, will be open at 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 6, and the waters of Section 11-B south of Circle Point and Section 11-C will be extended 24 hours, and will close at 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 8, 2013. The gillnet mesh size restriction will no longer be in effect in the waters of Section 11-B south of Circle Point starting 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 6.

Section 11-B, Port Snettisham: will be open from 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 6, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 8, 2013, with the following restriction:

<u>Port Snettisham</u>: waters of Port Snettisham and the Speel Arm SHA will be closed south and east of a line from Sentinel Point to a point on the eastern shoreline at 58°01.45′ N. latitude, 133°45.35′ W. longitude, and north of the latitude of Bride Point at 58°06.61′ N. latitude.

Section 11-B, South of Circle Point: will be extended 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 8, 2013, with the following restriction:

<u>Limestone Inlet</u>: will be closed east of a line from a point on the north shore at 58°02.09′ N. latitude, 133°58.87′ W. longitude, to a point on the south shore at 58°01.92′ N. latitude, 133°58.87′ W. longitude (inside markers).

Section 11-C: will be extended 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 8, 2013.

The waters of Section 11-B north of Circle Point will close as previously announced at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 7, 2013. The gillnet mesh size restriction south of Circle Point will no longer be in effect starting at 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

The department will continue working closely with DIPAC in monitoring Snettisham hatchery sockeye salmon broodstock in order to provide extended opportunity in the Speel Arm SHA when those needs are met.

This extension was announced on the fishing grounds via VHF radio between approximately 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, Monday, August 5, 2013.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S4113.

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